

Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for data transfer comprising:
 - ~~a first network;~~
 - ~~a second network; and~~
 - a plurality of nodes that are configured to be communicatively
interconnected by both a first network which is a wireless home
network and a second network which is a wired home network.
 - ~~a plurality of nodes on said first network~~ wherein secured data is
 transferred between at least two nodes of said plurality of nodes on
 said first network only if said at least two nodes also exist on said
 second network.
2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein unsecured data is freely transferred
 between said at least two nodes on said first network.
3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein unsecured data is freely
 transferred between said at least two nodes on said second network.
4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least two nodes exist
 on said second network for the entire period of said data transfer across
 said first network.
5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4 further including security negotiation for
 use of said first network wherein said security negotiation data is transferred
 between said at least two nodes only over said second network.
6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein said second network is a [[private]] home electrical wiring network.
8. (original) The apparatus of claim 4 further including at least one interface module for communicating with data resources.
9. (original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said security negotiation further includes at least one authentication key.
10. (canceled)
11. (original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said authentication key is periodically changed.
12. (original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said authentication key is randomly changed.
12. (original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein said authentication key is established by one of the group consisting of the manufacturer, the service provider, the end user and a predetermined algorithm.
14. (currently amended) The apparatus of [[claim 10]] claim 1 wherein said [[private]] wired home network has predetermined physical boundaries.
15. (currently amended) The apparatus of [[claim 11]] claim 1 wherein said wired home network is selected from the group comprising facility electrical wiring network, a home PNA telephone wiring network, a standard wired Ethernet network, and a coaxial cable network.
16. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein said [[private]] wired home network further includes predetermined physical access points.

17. (currently amended) The apparatus of [[claim 14]] claim 16 wherein said physical access points include at least one selected from the group consisting of electrical outlets, phone jacks, and Ethernet jacks.
18. (currently amended) A method for data transfer between at least two nodes of a plurality of nodes within a home over a first network using a second network for authentication, the method ~~comprising the steps of:~~ comprising:
- ~~providing a first network;~~
 - ~~providing second network;~~
 - authenticating a relationship between said at least two nodes within the home on said second network;
 - transferring data between said at least two nodes within the home on said first network;
 - re-authenticating a relationship between said at least two nodes within the home on said second network; and
 - de-authenticating a relationship between said at least two nodes within the home.
19. (currently amended) The method of claim 18 wherein said step of authenticating comprises determining whether said at least two nodes within the home of ~~said plurality of nodes~~ exist on both said first network and said second network. ~~further includes:~~
- ~~requesting mutual authentication of said relationship between at least two nodes of said plurality of nodes via said first network to~~

~~allow data transfer between said at least two nodes of said
plurality of nodes over said second network; and
authenticating said at least two nodes of said plurality of nodes.~~

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 19 wherein said step of authenticating said relationship between at least two nodes of said plurality of nodes is repeated periodically on said second network throughout the duration of said data transfer.
21. (original) The method of claim 20 wherein said step of de-authenticating said relationship between at least two nodes is conducted on said second network.
22. (currently amended) The ~~[[a]]~~ method of ~~claim 21~~ claim 18 wherein said first network is a wireless home network and said second network is a ~~[[private]]~~ wired home network.
23. (currently amended) An apparatus for data transfer between at least two nodes within a home over a first network using a second network for authentication,
~~the method comprising the steps of:~~ apparatus comprising:
 - ~~means for providing a first network;~~
 - ~~means for providing second network;~~
 - means for authenticating a relationship between said at least two nodes within the home on said second network;
 - means for transferring data between said at least two nodes within the home on said first network;
 - means for re-authenticating a relationship between said at least two nodes within the home on said second network; and

means for de-authenticating a relationship between said at least two nodes within the home on said second network.

24. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein said step of authenticating comprises determining whether said at least two nodes ~~of said plurality of nodes~~ exist on both said first network and said second network, ~~further includes:~~

~~means for requesting mutual authentication of said relationship between at least two nodes of said plurality of nodes via said first network to allow data transfer between said at least two nodes of said plurality of nodes over said second network; and means for authenticating said at least two nodes of said plurality of nodes.~~

25. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein said first network is a wireless home network and said second network is a ~~private~~ wired home network.

26. (currently amended) An apparatus for data transfer comprising:
 at least one interface module for communicating with data resources;
 a home wired network interface module for sending and receiving control packets and security packets to and from a wired home network;
 a wireless network interface module for sending and receiving data packets to and from a wireless home network; and
 a processing unit for encapsulating data packets, de-encapsulating said data packets, processing said security packets, processing said control

packets, detecting a second processing unit on both said home wired network and said wireless network and delivering said data packets on said wireless network interface module to said second processing unit.

27. (original) The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said data resources are selected from the group comprising internet, cable, telephone, digital versatile disc, personal video recorder, personal computer and video camera.
28. (original) The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said apparatus is integrated within home entertainment and computing equipment.